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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$168,000 IN COMPLAINTS FOR MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTIES

SACRAMENTO –The Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued a total of \$168,000 in Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) complaints for assessment of mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs) for violations of the California Water Code to eight facilities in the Central Valley.

- The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation faces \$36,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at Deuel Vocational Institution in San Joaquin County, between August 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010. The Department of Corrections violated the effluent limits for electrical conductivity, nitrate, and temperature 12 times. Treated wastewater is discharged into Deuel Drain, part of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and tributary to Paradise Cut and Old River.
- The Golden State Water Company faces \$6,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its Arden and Cordova water systems in Sacramento County. Golden State Water Company violated effluent limits for pH twice and for total suspended solids twice between October 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010. Golden State Water Company discharges water from distribution system flushing, fire flow testing, and well development, all of which are associated with typical water supply operations.
- Placer County Sewer Maintenance District No. 1 faces \$18,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its wastewater treatment plant, which serves the unincorporated area of North Auburn. Between August 1, 2009 and February 28, 2010, the District violated the effluent limit for ammonia twice and for total coliform organisms four times. Treated wastewater is discharged to Rock Creek, which is tributary to the Bear River and the Sacramento River.
- The City of Placerville faces \$6,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations at its Hangtown Water Reclamation Facility. Between July 1, 2009 and February 28, 2010, the City violated the effluent limit for ammonia three times. Treated wastewater is discharged to Hangtown Creek, which is tributary to Weber Creek and the South Fork American River.
- Zim Industries, Inc. faces \$9,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred while it constructed the Olivehurst Public Utilities District Well 3. Between January 9, 2009 and March 31, 2010, the effluent limit for total suspended solids was exceeded three

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times. Well development water and water generated during testing was discharged to a drainage ditch near Algodon Road in Yuba County.

- Recology Environmental Solutions faces \$27,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred during dewatering operations at its Hay Road Landfill in Solano County. Between July 1, 2008 and March 31, 2010, the effluent limit for total suspended solids was violated nine times. Recology must pump groundwater from its borrow pit, in order to excavate earthen materials, which are then used in the landfill cover and liner. The pumped groundwater was discharged to Alamo Creek, which is tributary to Ulatis Creek.
- The City of Auburn faces \$24,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred at its wastewater treatment plant. From May 1, 2008 through March 31, 2010, the oil and grease effluent limit was violated four times, and the chlorine residual effluent limit was violated four times. Treated wastewater is discharged to Auburn Ravine, which is tributary to the Sacramento River.
- The Sacramento Suburban Water District faces \$42,000 in MMPs for effluent limit violations that occurred throughout its water distribution system. Between July 1, 2008 and March 31, 2010, the effluent limits for total suspended solids, settleable solids, and chlorine residual were exceeded 15 times. The District discharges water from distribution system flushing, fire flow testing, well development discharges, and raw well water discharges, all of which are associated with typical water supply operations.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency responsible for preservation and enhancement of water quality. The Board may consider the complaints at its regular public board meeting on September 22, 2010.